

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A tread made of elastomeric material for tires, this tread being provided with a plurality of incisions, each incision of average width e and of average surface S_m being defined by facing walls (20), wherein at least one of the walls (20) defining each incision comprises at least one series of lines of motifs in relief (310, 410) relative to said wall (20) and having a maximum height measured perpendicular to said wall at least equal to 1/10 of the width e , and in that at least one of the walls defining each incision furthermore comprises over its entire surface an average roughness of between 1/100 and 1/10 of the width e of the incision.

2. (currently amended) The tread of elastomeric material for tires according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the walls (20) defining each incision comprises at least a first series and a second series of lines of motifs in relief (310, 410) relative to said wall and having a maximum height measured perpendicular to said wall at least equal to 1/10 of the width e , each series of lines comprising a plurality of lines extending in the same direction, the lines of the first series intersecting the lines of the second series.

3. (currently amended) The tread according to Claim 2, wherein the lines (310) of the first series form with the lines (410) of the second series an average acute angle α at least equal to 45°.

4. (original) The tread according to Claim 1, wherein the average surface S_m of at least one incision has a non-planar geometry appropriate so that the walls defining said incision are capable of cooperating mechanically with each other when passing into contact with the roadway, in order to reduce the movements of one wall relative to the other.

5. (currently amended) The tread according to Claim 4, wherein the average surface S_m comprises at least one undulation $\{41\}$ in the direction perpendicular to this average surface.

6. (currently amended) The tread according to Claim 1, wherein the lines in relief $\{310, 410\}$ of at least one wall $\{20\}$ are inclined by an angle β of between 10° and 80° with a direction perpendicular to the running surface of the tread.

7. (currently amended) The tread according to Claim 1, wherein the average pitch between the lines $\{310, 410\}$ of each series of lines in relief is at least equal to 5% of the length L of the incision and at most equal to 20% of this same length L .

8. (currently amended) A lamella $\{1\}$ intended for fitting in a tread mould of elastomeric material, this lamella comprising main faces $\{2, 2'\}$ for molding in a tread facing walls defining an incision of average thickness e , at least one of the main faces of the lamella comprising at least one series $\{3, 4\}$ of lines of motifs $\{31, 41, 31', 41'\}$ forming hollows relative to said wall and having a maximum depth measured perpendicular to said wall at least equal to $1/10$ of the width e , each series of lines $\{3, 4\}$ comprising a plurality of lines substantially parallel to each other, at least one of the main faces of the lamella comprising over its entire surface an equivalent average roughness of between $1/100$ and $1/10$ of the width e of the incision.

9. (currently amended) The lamella (10) intended for fitting in a tread mould according to Claim 8, wherein each main wall (2, 2") of the lamella is provided with a first (3) and a second (4) plurality of lines of hollowed motifs regularly distributed over said wall, the hollowed motifs (31, 41, 31', 41') having a depth at least equal to 1/10 of the width e, the lines of motifs (31, 31') of the first series intersecting the lines (41, 41') of the second series, forming an acute angle at least equal to 45°.

10. (currently amended) The lamella (1) intended for fitting in a tread mould according to Claim 8, wherein furthermore motifs in relief (11) are formed on each main wall of said lamella, the motifs in relief (11) of one wall being complementary with the motifs in relief of the other wall in order to permit mechanical cooperation of the walls defining the incision molded with said lamella, this mechanical cooperation limiting the relative movements of the facing walls.